

Congress of the United States  
House of Representatives  
Washington, DC 20515-1317

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The Honorable Rosa DeLauro  
Chair  
Committee on Appropriations  
H-307 The Capitol  
Washington, DC 20515

The Honorable Kay Granger  
Ranking Member  
Committee on Appropriations  
1036 Longworth House Office Building  
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Chair DeLauro and Ranking Member Granger:

I am requesting funding for the Climate Resilience and Biomanufacturing Initiative in fiscal year 2022.

The entity to receive funding for this project is the National Center for Agricultural Utilization Research, locally known as the Peoria Ag Lab, located at 1815 N University St, Peoria, IL 61604.

This project would initiate novel research programs to develop and utilize crops that improve the climate resilience and sustainability of food and energy production, foster new economic opportunities for rural communities and biomanufacturing industries, and enhance the safety and security of the food supply. This initiative has three major components developed in response to specific stakeholder and national needs focused on wheat and barley, sorghum, and industrial hemp.

Implementation of this stakeholder driven research requires the construction of a climate-controlled greenhouse and addition of scientists and staff across four research units at NCAUR working under USDA-ARS National Programs for Food Safety (NP108) and Product Quality and New Uses (NP306).

I certify that neither I nor my immediate family has any financial interest in this project.

Respectfully,

Cher Bustos

Cheri Bustos  
Member of Congress  
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